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In re application of: Shigeru UMINO et/al.
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Filed: June 7, 2001
Title: STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED ZINC-BASED PLATING

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Examiner: M. La Villa

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 9, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.